(c) and (d) The enrolment of new LPG Customers and Release of LPG connections is a continuous process. OMCs have reported a waiting list of 16,670 for release of new LPG connections in the State of Andhra Pradesh and in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep as on 1.4.2007 OMCs have reported that waiting list is expected to be cleared by the end of May, 2007.

LPG connection in Jharkhand

3622. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal families in Jharkhand who do not have LPG connections;

(b) whether Government propose to supply LPG connections to all the tribals of Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when everybody will be given LPG connections on demand;

(d) whether it is a fact that LPG refill cylinders are in short supply and people have to wait for a long time to get the refill; and

(e) if so, by when it will be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Jharkhand who do not have LPG connection.

(b) and (c) At present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers and there is no overall waiting list for release of new connection in the State of Jharkhand.

(d) and (e) At present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country, including Jharkhand and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

Kisan Sahayak Kendra Scheme

3623. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: